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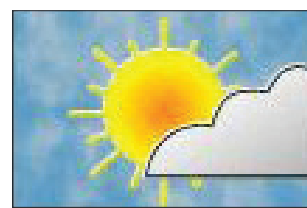
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House plans second vote on bailout

Unclear whether there is enough support to pass the measure

By **JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Rejected once amid public fury about bailing out reckless financiers, a \$700 billion rescue package is getting a second chance in the

House as voters anxiously ponder an economic meltdown that could wipe out their ability to borrow, plunder their savings and put them out of work.

Republicans and Democrats were jumping aboard the bailout as the House sped toward a

make-or-break vote — a much-anticipated do-over after the plan met with a stunning defeat Monday, triggering a historic stock market plunge.

It was still unclear, though, whether leaders would have the dozen or so supporters needed to

pass the measure.

One thing was unmistakable: the economy is in trouble. The Labor Department reported Friday that employers slashed payrolls by 159,000 in September, the most in more than five years. The figures also show that many

more people left the labor force for any number of reasons. The Dow Jones industrial futures rose 25 to 10,582 after being down amid the announcement of Well Fargo & Co.'s agreement to pur-

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Vandals blast out windows

Police investigate random BB gun shootings here

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents at more than a dozen addresses were greeted by broken glass Thursday morning, as police officials investigate a string of vehicles that were vandalized sometime in the early morning hours.



Everett

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, vehicles at addresses all over the city were attacked by an unknown assailant, causing costly damage that has yet to be tallied.

"They used a BB gun to shoot out the windows of vehicles all over the city," said Everett. "We know they were mobile to be able to travel over so much of the city, and the damage wasn't just to one neighborhood or area. It literally happened all over the place."

"We don't have an estimate on the damage at

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ANNUAL AGRICULTURE AWARDS PRESENTED



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Nate Avey, manager of Porter-Henderson Implement, accepts the award for Ag Business of the Year from last year's recipient, Kelly Newton, during Thursday's Ag Appreciation Day. Right, Gregg Newton, right, accepts the award for Ag Producer of the Year from previous 2006 recipient Donnie Reid.

Newton, Porter-Henderson honored

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Gregg Newton and Porter Henderson Implement Co. were the major honorees at the annual Ag Appreciation Luncheon, held Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Newton, a fourth-generation Howard County farmer, was named Ag Producer of the Year, while Porter Henderson was selected as the Ag Business of the Year at the luncheon, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The luncheon, held annually to salute

area farmers, ranchers and agriculture-related businesses, was keyed by an address from Todd Staples, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture.

Donnie Reid, who presented the producer award, lauded Newton for his meticulous approach to farming.

"This man is known throughout Howard County for his constant figuring," Reid said in prepared remarks. "He would be lost without his calculator and cell phone. He calculates, down to the penny, how much it will cost him to spray, plow, plant, harvest and gin."

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"I know this community appreciates what agriculture adds to the local, regional and state economy. It sends the right signal about your values and who you are."

Todd Staples, Texas Ag Commissioner



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Depressed? Help is close by

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Special to the Herald

Depression is the most common form of mental illness, yet few people feel comfortable helping a loved one living with the illness.

"As common as it is, it's surprising that many people still believe that it's something in which you can snap out of — that it's a weakness," said



Smith

that they don't want to live anymore."

Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO. "We all need to know how to respond to anyone who we think is depressed or who tells you that they are so depressed that they don't want to live anymore."

Tools to help people living with depression and their families will be available during a free depression screening on Friday, Oct. 10, National Depression Screening Day. National Depression Screening Day is held once a year by participating agencies to spread awareness and to provide information on depression.

West Texas Centers for

MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital have hosted a free depression screening in Big Spring each year since 2000, providing free evaluations and consultations to people who think they may be depressed, Smith said.

But the screening can be just as helpful to people who may

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HOWARD COUNTY FOOTBALL MIDSEASON REPORT



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma's Corey Roberts (right) turns after pulling down a Kermit defender closes in on him in action from Bulldog Stadium Sept. 26. Roberts leads the 4-1 Bulldogs in receiving yardage.

Surprising start in Coahoma

Bulldogs have answered questions, critics, opening 4-1

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — Coming into the season there were numerous questions surrounding the Coahoma Bulldogs football program.

How would they fix a defensive secondary, that was routinely torched in 2007? How would they adjust to moving east into their new District 7-2A home?

Lastly, just how would they respond to their third coach in as many seasons as Stacy Martin — a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School — moved into the position vacated by Jay Kennedy who took over the high school's principal position.

The Bulldogs seem to have put all the misgivings aside as they have

rolled through their pre-district schedule, averaging 21 points per contest while the defense, for its part, is allowing just 266 yards per game.

A big part of the turnaround has been the play of the Bulldogs secondary as Lupe Abrego, Ray Gutierrez, P.J. Daylong and Adrian Amaro have lead the rejuvenation of a defensive backfield that saw a lot of the backsides of opposing receivers a year ago.

"The whole group has been getting after the ball," Martin said. "We have done real well adjusting to the new scheme."

The only hiccup this season for Coahoma came last week with a 29-6 loss to the Kermit Yellow Jackets.

"Some of the problems against Kermit was us not being aligned correctly," Martin said. "They came out in some formations we hadn't seen and the boys got a bit confused."

"We knew coming in that Kermit was going to be a big test for us," he continued, "but even in losing you learn. Now we have to take what we learned and put it into action."

Offensively, the Bulldogs have run a balanced attack rushing the ball for 675 yards while airing it out for 548 yards, but make no mistake about it, the fortunes of the Bulldogs ride on the legs of Daylong.

A senior and three-year varsity member, Daylong has amassed 553 yards on 109 carries for a 5 yard

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Resurgent Steers

Big Spring off to best start since 2002

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

There have been more lows than highs for Big Spring Steers football during its history. That's probably why Big Spring's faithful remember the greatest of Steers squads as fondly as they do.

Teams like the 1989 version of the Steers that advanced to the Class 4A state semifinals. Or, for those old enough, the 1953 that lost to Port Neches in the state title game.

However, there's also the recalling of the tumultuous seasons spent in the Little Southwest Conference when powerhouses the likes of Odessa Permian and Abilene Cooper dominated Big Spring year after year.

In more recent memory, the Steers now have the reputation of simply limping into the playoffs each season before being eliminated in the first or second round. It's been five seasons

since Big Spring finished the regular season with more wins than losses.

However, the 2008 version of the Steers are on course to buck these recent trends. Big Spring is 3-2 this season — the best start to a year since 2002 when the Steers also went 3-2 over their first five games. The Steers advanced to the regional semifinals that season, finishing with an 8-5 record — the last winning season accomplished in Big Spring.

Now Big Spring hits a bye week as it prepares for what could be a hotly contested District 4-4A season.

"The bye week really came at the perfect time," said Big Spring's first-year Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "We're very beat up right now. If we were to have a game today, there would be five or six players on our injury list with three unavailable for sure. The others would be questionable. Now we have a

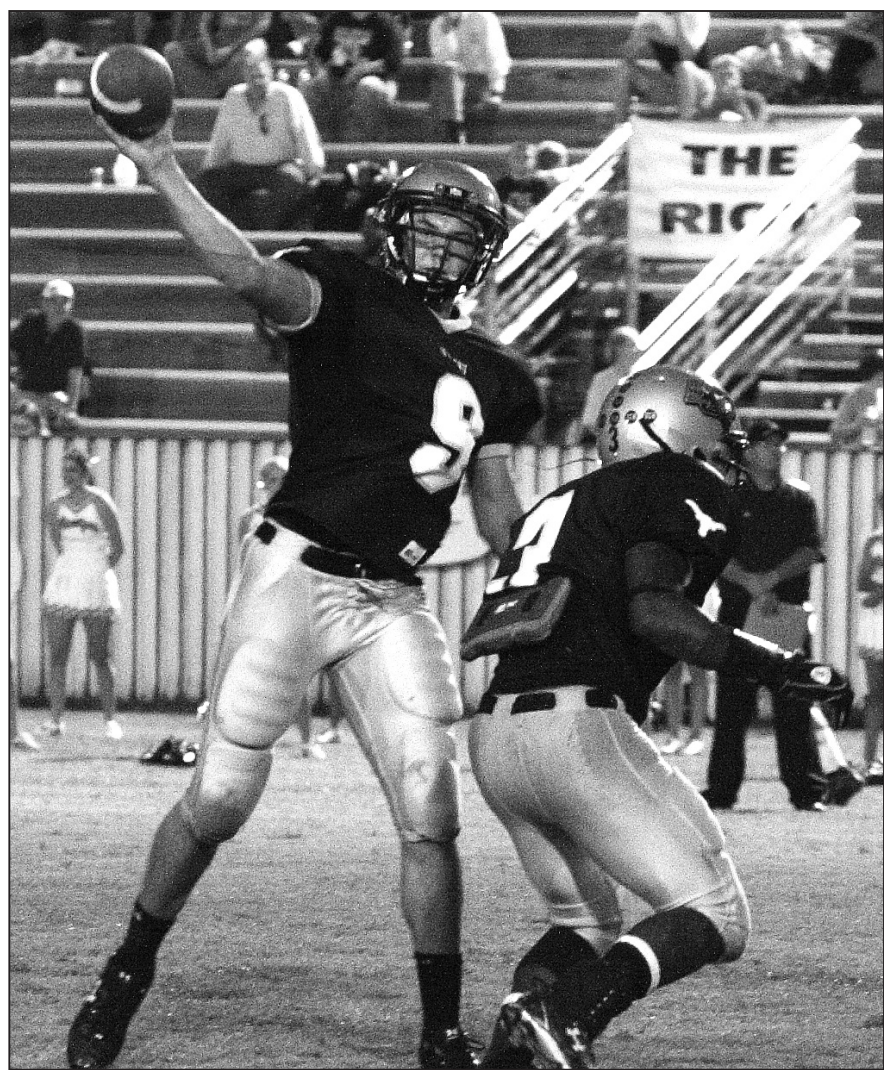
chance to heal up before we start our district schedule."

The Steers start district play Oct. 10 with a home game against Wolfforth Frenship. Even with the bye week, the Steers are going to be without a couple of key defensive players — linebackers Cade Hollandsworth and Martin Yanez.

Hollandsworth was injured during the first quarter of the Steers' 28-7 loss to Sweetwater last week, suffering a sprained medial collateral ligament. The all-state linebacker is expected to miss at least three weeks of action, depending on the rehab process.

Yanez suffered whiplash against Sweetwater. It's the second neck/head injury he's had this season and Big Spring's training staff is working him slowly back into action.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers quarterback Matt Ritchey (9) passes the ball as running back Monte Anderson (3) provides protection in action from Sept. 12 against Pampa at Memorial Stadium. The Steers are off to their best start since 2002 with a 3-2 record.



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Buffaloes take the field in their season-opening game against Eldorado Aug. 29 in Eldorado. The Buffs lost that night and have won just one of four games played since then.

Chance to start anew

Bye week, district season gives Forsan a chance at a fresh beginning

By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

Bye weeks. Some coaches like them, some hate them.

They can be seen as momentum killers or as a friendly breath of fresh air.

Bye weeks can give a team valuable time to heal and work out some kinks. They can also stop a well-oiled machine in its track, if it doesn't stay focused.

The Forsan Buffaloes will enjoy a night off Friday, and according to Head Coach Tommy Thompson, it could not have come at a better time.

"I believe we are about to peak at the right time," said Thompson. "We have some good experience

now and are getting better in some areas. We have a desire to get better. We are very excited about starting district."

Even better for the Buffs, is the return of defensive standout Ryan Flores, who Thompson said should be 100 percent for the Battle of the Buffaloes Oct 10, when Forsan meets up with natural rival Standon. However, while the return of Flores is certain, still in doubt is the health of running back Jace Sandridge and fullback Aaron Valle.

"Sandridge's prognosis is looking better," Thompson said. "He began running this week, but is still questionable. We should

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Powder Puff Football today

The Big Spring High School junior class is hosting a night of Powder Puff Football at 7 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field.

Admission is \$2 per person. The freshmen will take on the sophomores followed by a game between the juniors and seniors.

The game serves as a fundraiser for the Junior/Senior Prom. Call Denise Carrillo with any questions at 816-1685.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting at ATC Oct. 13

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster club will hold a meeting at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Athletic Training Center.

Regular meetings will be held every second Monday of the month.

For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9806.

BSCC hosting over-80 scramble Oct. 11-12

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled an over-80 scramble where the combined ages of the two-person team must be 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart fee, however, private carts are welcome. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11-12 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days, and it benefits the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Obituaries

Mary Martinez



Mary Martinez, 65, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard F. Gully officiating. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel, and the family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary was born June 24, 1943, in Corpus Christi to Carmen and Jesus Rodriguez. She moved to Big Spring in 1950 from Robstown. Mary married Tony Martinez June 20, 1959, in Big Spring. She worked at Walls for 25 years and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mary's hobbies were sewing, cooking, grandchildren and their activities. She also enjoyed the Dallas Cowboys and soap operas.

Mary is survived by her husband, Tony Martinez Sr. of Sand Springs; children, Josie Rivera and husband, Roger, of Mesquite, Tony Martinez Jr. of Houston, Sandra A. Dominguez and husband, Raymond, of Austin, Jesse Martinez of Big Spring and Terry Don Martinez and wife, Shelley, of Temple; grandchildren, Robyn D. Rivera, Tammy Jo Precella, Justin Rivera, Megan L. Dominguez, Issac Martinez, Aaron Dominguez, Tony Martinez III, Angel Martinez and Victor Martinez; great grandchildren, Nickolas Precella, Damien Precella and Ethan Precella; sisters, Sylvia Rodriguez of Big Spring and Hilda Limon of Lubbock; brother, Eddie Rodriguez of Phoenix, Ariz.; stepsisters, Oralia Velasquez of Lubbock, Elipa Rodriguez of Phoenix and Evangelina Garcia of Robstown; and stepbrothers, Arturo Islas of Big Spring and Valentine Islas of Coahoma.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-13-20-18. Bonus Ball: 27.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-5-28-33-36.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-4-8-3. Sum It Up: 19.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today:

- DAVID POBST, 52, of 1401 E. 15th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARTIN RAMIREZ, 18, of 1601 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a parole warrant.
- ROBERT SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Road, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GRACE OMITOGUN, 53, of Pecos, was arrested Thursday on a charge of hindering officers.
- THEFT was reported: in the 2000 block of Merrily. in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: in the 700 block of Colgate. in the 400 block of Third Street. in the 100 block of Third Street (two reports). in the 600 block of Third Street. in the 1500 block of FM 700. in the 1000 block of Main Street. in the 300 block of Washington. in the 800 block of Owens.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.
- KRISTEN GENE SATTERLY, 33, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- HECTOR ANTHONY SALINAS, 42, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of assault – family violence.
- RANDELL ESTON HOLLIS, 37, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- LINDA ANN FOSTER, 30, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for failure to identify – giving false information.
- KEVIN LEE DUNLAP, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon and a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
- BRADLEY ALAN DALTON, 17, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a TYC warrant and a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a TYC warrant for violation of parole.
- JAMES EDWARD MASON, 52, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

Your Local Weather

Sat 10/4	Sun 10/5	Mon 10/6	Tue 10/7	Wed 10/8
88/63	83/63	83/56	78/56	81/58
Partly cloudy skies with gusty winds. Warm. High 88F.	Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.	Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

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Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 800 block of Jeffery. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Highway 87. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 188 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 200 block of Industrial.

Take Note

• St. Mary's Episcopal Church will hold the annual Blessing of the Animals at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Bennett Garden at the parish. The public is encouraged to bring their scaly, feathered and furry friends for a special blessing by Mother Kelly Conkling in honor of St. Francis. Please keep dogs on leashes during the ceremony. For more information, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

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MLB Playoffs: Cubs, Brewers on brink of elimination

By RICK GANO

CHICAGO — Manny Ramirez and the Dodgers look ready to run the shaky Chicago Cubs out of the playoffs early and extend their championship drought to 100 years.

Ramirez hit a mammoth homer to increase his postseason record, Russell Martin had a three-run double and the Los Angeles Dodgers took advantage of four errors by the clumsy Cubs in a 10-3 victory Thursday

night that gave them a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five NL division series.

But unless the Cubs can show some semblance of the team that won 97 games this season, they're headed to another disappointing finish. Each infielder made an error during the game and the Dodgers scored four unearned runs in the second inning to jump ahead 5-0.

The series switches to Dodger Stadium for Game 3 on Saturday night. Rich Harden will face

Hiroki Kuroda. Phillies 5, Brewers 2 PHILADELPHIA — With one more loss to the Phillies, CC Sabathia and the Milwaukee Brewers will have all winter to rest.

Brett Myers rankled Sabathia with a pesky at-bat and dominated the rest of the Brewers from the mound, and Philadelphia beat Milwaukee 5-2 on Thursday night behind Shane Victorino's grand slam for a 2-0

lead in their best-of-five NL playoff series.

The Phillies are closing in on their first trip to the NLCS in 15 years. Game 3 is Saturday night in Milwaukee, with 45-year-old Jamie Moyer (16-7) pitching for the NL East champions against Dave Bush (9-10).

Rays 6, White Sox 4 ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cool and calm, or so it seemed. Evan Longoria and the Tampa Bay Rays appeared perfectly at

home in the playoffs with a Game 1 victory over Chicago.

After 10 seasons as baseball's doormat, the Rays took the division with the best home record (57-24) in the majors. A lack of postseason experience was not a factor as they kept winning at Tropicana Field behind James Shields' effective start and Grant Balfour's testy, bases-loaded escape.

Game 2 is Friday, when Tampa Bay's Scott Kazmir (12-8) faces Mark Buehrle (15-12).

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"We know we're not going to have Cade or Martin when we play against Frenship," Ritchey said. "Cade is our defensive captain and leading tackler. He's not an easy guy to replace. Neither is Martin, though. He gives us a lot of speed on our defense and is one of our better kick returners. We're going to have to have some guys step up in their absence."

The Steers do get some relief for their first district game. Junior quarterback Tyler Tannehill will be cleared medically to return after suffering a

knee injury in the Steers' second scrimmage against Lubbock High.

"Getting Tyler back is huge. We're having a lot of trouble with our passing game," admitted Ritchey. "Matt (Ritchey) has done a great job at quarterback, but he's not much of a passing threat anymore because of an aching back. He never complains, but you can see from the look on his face that it hurts him to pass the ball. He's taken a lot of hits running the football and they're starting to take his toll. We really need some relief for him."

"Tyler is more of a passing threat," he continued. "He's got a strong arm and brings another dimension to our offense."

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know more on Aaron later this week. Having the time to rest is definitely a plus for us, regarding the injury problems we have had. We will have to stay healthy from here on out."

Thompson said that even though their record may not reflect it, the Buffs have reason

to hope things are going to improve in the coming weeks. Entering play in District 7-A, he hopes to see that improvement very soon.

"We have the weapons to be an explosive team," said Thompson. "We have simply struggled with consistency. We will be working on sharpening up the basics during our off week and in the week leading up to the Stanton game. Our guys have a lot of pride and know that if they play up to their

Ritchey said the district opener against Frenship could end up being the most important of the season for Big Spring.

"Getting a win against Frenship could really catapult us and set us up really well in the district," Ritchey said. "The confidence we'd take from a win in that game would be tremendous. This group has never had a lot of luck against the Tigers, but we've got the ability to beat them."

"If you look at the district realistically, Abilene Cooper appears to be the team to beat," he continued. "They have two losses, but one of those is to Abilene High which is ranked fourth in Class 5A. Cooper had a great chance to beat them, too. Abilene

potential, they can really make some noise in district."

One team joining the Buffs in District 7-A is Sundown (3-2) — a team Thompson said is the early favorite to take the district title. "Sundown is definitely the favorite as we head into district," Thompson said. "Stanton and Seagraves are also playing very well and are solid teams. We have our work cut out for us and it will take a hard push through the next five weeks."

High had two goal line stands in that game and Cooper lost 20-13. They're going to be tough to beat and we'll definitely be the underdog against them. We'll have to play great football to beat them."

However, after Cooper, Ritchey feels the Steers should be favored or just slight underdogs heading into each contest.

"Our offense is hard to stop. We feel like only Cooper is equipped to slow us down a lot," he said. "Frenship is breaking in 11 new starters on defense. Plainview, Lake View and Hereford have each struggled defensively all season. We should be able to score on anyone and our defense is good enough to get us some wins."

When the two met last season, Stanton walked away with a big win over Forsan, 47-13.

Tahoka shares a 1-4 mark with the Buffs, with one of their losses coming to Coahoma, 34-13. Forsan narrowly missed knocking off the Bulldogs, 21-20.

Seagraves (3-2) is coming off an 8-3 season last year and also lost to Coahoma, 19-0.

Currently sitting atop the district are the Plains Cowboys, boasting a 4-1 record with their

One of the biggest challenges for the Steers during the bye week was to put another humiliating loss to Sweetwater behind them.

"Sweetwater really took it to us. It was our worst game of the year," Ritchey said. "The Mustangs were definitely one of, if not the best, team we've played this season. We're not going to forget this game. There's a lot to learn from it. We've got to move past it, though. We've got a second season to play."

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lone defeat coming at the hands of Farwell, 16-13.

"If we can knock the negative trend we have had with injuries and be more consistent, then the sky is the limit," Thompson said. "The positive things we have seen need to continue and the negative things are easily corrected. Our heads are up and our kids know that district is almost like starting a new season and they are excited to get it started."

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per carry average, including a 195-yard outburst in the Bulldogs' season-opening 25-12 victory over Van Horn.

However, there is one thing that is reminiscent of last year, though. That being the rash of injuries at the quarterback position — a slot Martin had hoped junior Josh

Paniagua would be able to fill. That was not to be, though, as Paniagua suffered a high-ankle sprain in the Bulldogs second win — a 21-20 contest over cross-county rival Forsan.

Pete Acosta assumed the quarterback role next, but he too fell prey to the injury bug, leaving Nathan Deporto to take over the helm. It's a situation Martin hopes has remedied itself over the break before the Bulldogs begin the battle for a district title.

"We are going to take this time to heal up some and get ready for what is going to be a tough district schedule," Martin commented. "We have a few things that we want to work on and a couple of injuries to get healed, but we should be ready in time for the game against Jim Ned."

No matter who the signal caller might be, rest assured that they have a bevy of capable receivers at their disposal as six different Bulldogs have pulled in passes this year a trend that Martin hopes continues.

"We have to be able to move the ball through the air if we want the success we have had in the running game to continue," Martin said. "If we don't, then they are going to start lining up eight in the box to load up against P.J. We have to be able to make them pay if they do that."

Corey Roberts and Ray Gutierrez are a solid one-two punch at the receiver position, with each of them collecting nine catches so far this season.

Abrego, Hunter Williams, Lane Douglas and Daylong have also collected receptions and should continue to give whoever it may be playing quarterback plenty of options.

The Bulldogs may be new to the district they are entering, but Coach Martin is all too familiar with most of the district foes after spending time at Comanche High School.

"Jim Ned and Ballinger are always tough," Martin said, "as is Wall. Colorado City looks tough this year as well. We are going to have to play hard if we are going to make the playoffs, but I believe that we are just as good as any of them and the boys believe it to."

So far this year, the record book backs Martin's expectation as four of the teams have posted winning records, with only Ballinger and Jim Ned not reaching the .500 mark yet.

Martin put it simply when asked of what he and his team expect the outcome of the season to be.

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News briefs

U.S. military meets recruiting goals for 2008 with help from bonuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — After seven years at war, the military paid recruits hundreds of millions of dollars over the past year as they answered the call to duty. According to data obtained by The Associated Press, the Army and Marine Corps doled out nearly \$640 million in the fiscal year that ended Tuesday to entice recruits to join up.

The two services continue to bear the brunt of the U.S.-led wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but recruits were buoyed by incentives that can be as high as \$40,000 each. All told, the enlistment incentives coupled with the promise of thousands more for education, increased the costs of Army and Marine bonuses by 25 percent over

last year's totals, The Associated Press has learned. The money — particularly in these shaky economic times — has proved to be a strong recruiting tool, even as the U.S. death toll in Iraq surpasses 4,100 and violence in Afghanistan escalates. As a result, the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force all met their recruiting goals for the year. The Air Force did not provide bonus data.

Biden, Palin spar on energy, taxes, war and 'change' in closely watched VP debate

Republican Sarah Palin and Democrat Joe Biden sparred over taxes, energy policy and the Iraq war in a high-profile debate in which Palin sought to reclaim her identity as a feisty reformer and Biden tried to undercut

the maverick image of GOP presidential hopeful John McCain. Palin, in the 90-minute forum broadcast Thursday night from Washington University in St. Louis, was under intense pressure to show basic competence on issues facing the next president after a series of embarrassing television interviews called into question her readiness for high office. For the most part she appeared confident and folksy while casting Biden and Democratic standard bearer Barack Obama as tax-raisers who would risk defeat in Iraq and the broader war on terror. She also tried to portray the Democrats as obsessed with the failures of President Bush even as she acknowledged his Republican administration was responsible for "huge blunders" in the war and elsewhere.

BAILOUT

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chase Wachovia Bank. The Bush White House suggested it as even more convincing evidence of why lawmakers must act now. "The best action we can take to limit damage to the economy is to pass the emergency rescue package legislation in the House," said spokesman Tony Fratto. The plan likely to be voted on in the House would allow the government to

spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets from troubled financial institutions. If it works, advocates say, that would allow frozen credit to begin flowing again and prevent a serious recession. Black lawmakers said personal calls from Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama helped switch them from "no" to "yes," as Republicans and Democrats alike said appeals from credit-starved small businessmen and

the Senate's addition of \$110 billion in tax breaks and other sweeteners had persuaded them to drop their opposition. "I hate it," but "inaction to me is a greater danger to our country than this bill," said GOP Rep. Zach Wamp of Tennessee, one of the 133 House Republicans who joined 95 Democrats in rejecting the measure Monday, sending the stock market plummeting. Others said they were agonizing as they decided whether to change course and back the largest gov-

ernment intervention in markets since the Great Depression. "I'm trying desperately to get to 'yes,'" said Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-N.H. Obama and his Republican rival, John McCain, phoned reluctant lawmakers for their help. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., told a closed-door meeting of House Democrats that he would support the bill after speaking with Obama about it. Congressional leaders worked over wayward colleagues wherever they

could find them. Rep. Steny Hoyer, the second-ranking House Democrat, said Thursday there was a "good prospect" of approving the measure but stopped short of predicting passage. "I'm going to be pretty confident that we have sufficient votes to pass this before we put it on the floor," Hoyer said. Lawmakers were expecting to use at least some of 90 minutes scheduled for debate in choreographed question-and-answer sessions known as "collo-

quies," in which lawmakers ask for assurances about what the legislation will or won't do. That could make it easier for people switching their votes to explain why they did so. The top Republican vote-counter, Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, did predict the measure would be approved. President Bush said "a lot of people are watching" the House and was calling dozens of lawmakers searching for support for the rescue, a spokesman said.

VANDALS

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this time, and we're still getting reports from people who are just now finding the damage. However, it's going to be expensive. Very, very expensive." Everett said investigators have been unable to

get a reliable description of the vehicle or the suspect responsible for the mischief. "That's what we really need right now," said Everett. "A description of the vehicle, or a license plate number. That's what it's going to take to catch this person or persons. Area residents need to keep

a tentative eye out for strange vehicles in their neighborhood. This is happening late at night, so that makes it tough to get a description when most people are sleeping. However, all it takes is a good description or license plate number and we'll have them." Everett said reports of

broken vehicle windows came in from a number of different neighborhoods Thursday morning, including the 1000 block of Stadium; 400 block of Washington; 2000 block of Merrily; 4000 block of Parkway; 400 block of Dallas; 4000 block of Dixon; 3200 block of Parkway; 500 block of Dallas; 2200 block

of Merrily; and the 2100 block of Merrily. No injuries were reported in association with the vandalism, according to Everett. Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

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Newton, who follows his father, Marion, as a winner of the producer award, raises cotton as his primary crop, but also grows grain sorghum, organic cotton, hay grazer and wheat. He farmed for many years with his father before striking out on his own, Reid

said. Porter Henderson Implement, which sells and services John Deere brand farm and ranch equipment, began business in San Angelo in 1943 and opened a branch in Big Spring in June 2001. The company is managed locally by Nate Avey. "Porter Henderson ... has been committed to serving the community and strives to play a supporting role in all the surrounding Ag

areas," said Kelly Newton, winner of last year's Ag Business award. "It will always be the goal of Porter Henderson Implement Co. to continue quality service and keep agriculture producers up to date with the latest technology and equipment." Commissioner Staples saluted the large crowd for their contribution to the state economy. "I know this community appreciates what agriculture adds to

the local, regional and state economy," said Staples, a former state representative and senator who is the 11th agriculture commissioner. "It sends the right signal about your values and who you are ... 80 percent of Texans are involved in agriculture in one way or another."

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SCREENINGS

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be living with someone they believe may be depressed.

"We have so much information and a great number of people with whom they can talk to," said Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon. "The people we have helped in the past are just so relieved to have someone sit down with them for five or 10 minutes and give them their full attention and answer any question they may have about the illness." Many times, spouses accompany participants to the free screenings, Smith said. "They are just as eager to get help, sometimes even more so than the person who may be depressed. It's a disease that affects the entire household."

West Texas Centers and Big Spring State Hospital have three objectives for National Depression Screening Day:

- Provide screenings for people with depression.
- Help participants recognize the warning signs

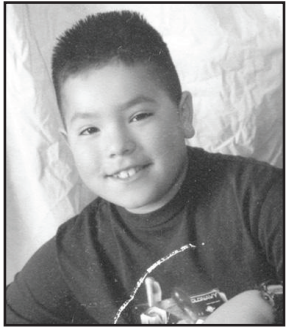
of depression, which may lead to suicide. • Make information available to participants and their families who may be at risk and to provide information on where to access additional care. The free depression screenings will be held in multiple locations throughout West Texas. In Big Spring, screenings will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on the first floor conference room. West Texas Centers also is providing screenings in Winters, Sweetwater and Brownfield. Attendees will be presented with a brief explanation of the screening and a questionnaire asking a variety of questions regarding many of their thoughts and feelings. Following completion of the questionnaire, a mental health worker will review the answers and confer individually with each participant, Smith said. A diagnosis for depression or other mood disorders will not be made during the screenings and the screenings should not be considered a substitute for a doctor's diagnosis.

A list of resources will be made available for people who need additional assistance, including educational materials as well as a list of treatment providers. West Texas Centers for MHMR and Big Spring State Hospital will offer the screenings, which are confidential and open to people of all ages, including children. However, parents may be asked to complete corresponding questionnaires for their children. Locations for the Oct. 10 screenings are:

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring First floor classroom 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital, 200 E. Arizona St., Sweetwater First floor-ER classroom

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • North Runnels Hospital, 7821 East Highway 153, Winters First floor 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Brownfield Regional Medical Center, 703 E. Felt St., Brownfield 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. West Texas Centers for

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OTHER VIEWS

*I scream,
you scream ...*

We all screamed when we heard that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals had asked Ben & Jerry's to start making Cherry Garcia and Chubby Hubby with human breast milk.

"If Ben & Jerry's replaced the cow's milk in its ice cream with breast milk, your customers — and cows — would reap the benefits," a PETA spokeswoman said in a letter to co-founders Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield.

PETA says it came up with the idea after reading about a Swiss restaurant owner's plan to buy breast milk from nursing mothers and substitute it for the cow's milk in its menu items.

We know what you're thinking. This is not for real. This is from The Onion. We thought so, too. But no. It's a real letter, and it generated a real response from a Ben & Jerry's spokeswoman, who passed on the opportunity to make crass jokes — ask your sixth-grader, if you must, or try Google — and instead politely declined the suggestion.

"We believe a mother's milk is best used for her child," the company said.

That's precisely the point, PETA crowed: "Cow's milk is for baby cows." When fed to baby humans, dairy products can lead to "juvenile diabetes, allergies, constipation, obesity and prostate and ovarian cancer." And that's nothing compared to what happens to the cows! They're forcibly impregnated every nine months, produce 10 times the natural volume of milk throughout their lives and end up as hamburger.

This provoked an indignant online debate about lessening the suffering of dairy cattle by inflicting it on lactating moms, as if PETA were lobbying for the forced impregnation of women who would produce 10 times their natural volume of milk before being ground into hamburger, or whatever. It's a publicity stunt, people. We're sure — well, pretty sure — the folks at PETA were just trying to give us all something to think about. And it worked.

We can't stop thinking about a big bowl of Chunky Monkey.

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The Road To Perdition

When the Barnett Shale was discovered under Johnson County, we all

scrambled for our paperwork to see if we had mineral rights. For some people it meant that their lives would never be the same again. Most of us know one or two people like that.

For the rest of us it would mean seeing our roads destroyed by people who just got their CDL long enough to drive a water truck for a gas company. I could handle the terrible roads if I didn't get behind one every day driving 35 in a 50 that ought to be a 70 anyway.

I'm not a landowner. I have always wanted to be but just haven't been able to put it together. My house is on half an acre and the church is on rented property so I wouldn't be a good guy to play Monopoly with. However, I was blown away when a wealthy man asked me to come speak to him one day in his office. He sat me down across from him and explained how there would be wells soon on his property and that he wanted to give some of the profits to our ministry.

That got my attention. He is somebody who really has a heart for the poor and had always loved how we serve the community through the food bank warehouse. So in 2003, he took me out to the spot where they would one day dig the first of many wells and we called it blessed land. He had his lawyers draw up paperwork to give me a percentage of the gas money and make me a

stockholder in his company should he sell the business and the land. For the next three years I made it my business to hope and pray for the day the well went up.

Every time a missionary would come from overseas I would take them out to the spot and tell them the amazing story of what this benevolent man was doing for us. The well finally came and after some months they hit gas and hit it big. I announced to the church that our well had hit gas and we all celebrated. The problem we would find out several months later was that they hadn't dug the lines to the well and it would be another disappointing year before the gas was flowing.

We prayed against the terrible delay. We had several nighttime services at the very well site where we prayed and believed God for the day it would all finally happen. Having a steady income stream into an outreach church like ours would change everything. After an entire year the line came through and then after another six-month delay he finally got his first check.

Did you notice I said "he" and not "we?" Tragically for us, the very month we expected to see our first profit from the wells, he left the church and discontinued contact with any of us. I eventually got a certified letter from his lawyers telling me to forget about the last certified letter from the lawyers. I no longer would have any part in gas profits and to have a nice day. It was difficult advice to follow, that day. I couldn't believe it.

So here I am, two years later, driving 35 miles an hour in a 50 mile an hour zone that should be a 70 in the first place. The inexperienced driver of the gas company water truck

in front of me apparently got his license in a Cracker Jack box. What used to be a road is more like a lunar landscape, ruined beneath the weight of the profit from all those gas wells. It was difficult to get to my destination and do you want to know where I was going? Back to the gas well site. You wanna know why? To pray for it.

You see, me and the guys on my team never stopped praying for that gas money to reach that man. We still are committed to pray for his prosperity. He might have broken his promise to us but we never broke our promise to pray and believe God that those wells would produce and produce and produce. The bottom line is that this man never owed us any of that money. What he promised was out of his generosity and certainly not out of obligation. He's a good man and does a lot of good things for a lot of people. Just because he doesn't help us doesn't mean he's a bad guy.

It was a terrible disappointment for me to be sure, but that's all it was. Disappointment is not the same as betrayal. A real grown up attitude I wish a lot more of us Christians had is that disappointment does not give us the right to be any less committed as Christians.

As I slowly hit another huge hole in the torn up asphalt behind that water truck, I considered my own life. For me, any other way of thinking is a road I'm not interested in traveling down.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: Job 5:17

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Who can dig us out of this?

This week's financial implosion has shifted attention away from foreign policy in the presidential contest.

Neither candidate has been inspiring in this arena. But we have only two choices. So who can best dig America out from the mess President Bush's foreign policy has made?

John McCain is campaigning on experience; one can only wish Barack Obama had more. Yet the next president will confront global challenges far different from those with which the aging Arizonan is familiar.

The next president must be sufficiently agile and open-minded to adjust to a rapidly changing world in which America is no longer the dominant power. So who is the foreign-policy candidate of change?

At last week's foreign-policy debate, McCain focused obsessively on Iraq. He still insists Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism, and he slams Obama for not agreeing. McCain doesn't seem to grasp that the biggest threats to America now come from elsewhere. It's understandable that Iraq holds McCain's attention. He was formed by the Vietnam War and the belief that we could have won there had we stayed.

But that was then, in a Cold War world, and this is now.

Even on Iraq, McCain seems strangely dated. Yes, McCain supported the surge and Obama didn't. And, yes, the surge "worked" because of Gen. David Petraeus' brilliant strategy, based on backing Sunni militias that had turned against al-Qaeda. Without those Sunnis, the surge never would have succeeded.

Yet, right now, Iraq's Shiite-led government seems poised to break

up the Sunni militias and put many of their men in prison — or kill them. Not much from McCain about that.

Then there is the bigger picture. McCain backed the Iraq war based on Bush's mistaken strategic premise — that it would remake the Middle East in our favor.

Instead, our Iraq war vastly strengthened Iran, now the close ally of Baghdad. Our policies made Iran the strongest power in the Middle East.

As Obama points out, the Iraq war distracted us from pursuing al-Qaeda and other jihadi groups, which have now taken over parts of nuclear-armed Pakistan and are threatening Afghanistan.

McCain is guilty of the very sin for which he denounces Obama: confusing strategy with tactics. Yes, we ousted Saddam Hussein, but in doing so we left ourselves less secure in our primary battle, with jihadis — whose central front is not in Iraq.

Despite his many trips to Iraq, McCain shows little grasp of the current situation in Baghdad. He talked of coming home "with victory and with honor"; he has speculated that we could keep troops in Iraq for many years, as we have in Germany and Japan. But this vision shows little understanding of present-day Iraq.

Shiite officials tell me their leading cleric, Ayatollah Ali Sistani, has specifically ruled out the German or Japanese model. Iraq is an Arab Muslim country that remembers colonial occupation.

Few Americans realize that Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has virtually endorsed Obama and insists that all U.S. troops be out of his country by the end of 2011. Maliki has been stonewalling on an agreement that would enable U.S. troops to remain after a U.N. mandate expires in December.

Perhaps this agreement will be

signed, perhaps not. The foreign minister of Iran, Manouchehr Motaki, told me, "Iraq will not sign," and Tehran has plenty of influence on Maliki.

I've opposed Obama's 16-month timeline as too fast, because I fear Iraq's civil war will reignite. Obama would probably have to slow it down if he were elected.

Yet the Iraqi government may force the next U.S. president to pull troops out even faster than Obama now wants. McCain seems unaware that Iraqis are showing a mind of their own.

McCain is equally out of touch on Iran. He sneers at Obama's point that we need to try unconditional talks.

Yes, Obama tripped himself up in his early proposal to talk to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, but he has backed off that mistake. The Illinois senator was right to point out that Henry Kissinger agrees on the need for such talks with Tehran; Kissinger told CNN, "I am in favor of negotiating with Iran ... at the secretary of state level."

Bottom line: Obama recognizes that the next president must think through a new Mideast strategy, whose focus is less on Iraq and more on Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. McCain seems stuck, unable to integrate Iraq into a broad strategy for the greater Middle East.

Mired in recession and disliked abroad, our country needs a president prepared for the new challenges we're facing.

Obama is far from perfect, but he seems more capable than his opponent of looking to the future rather than the past.

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At 4 p.m. Saturday, Mother Kelly Conkling, priest-in-charge of St. Mary's, will conduct the annual Blessing of the Animals in the Bennett Garden at the Parish. Please keep all animals contained or on a lease during the short ceremony. We do

not discriminate between live and stuffed animals. Please join us for this special event in honor of St. Francis.

For more information about St. Mary's, call 267-8201. St. Mary's is located at 1001 S. Goliad.

Gateway Baptist Church (Formerly Crestview Baptist)

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. at Gateway, located at 2305 Gatesville St. Worship service is at 11 a.m. and evening service begins

at 6 p.m. Devotion, prayer and share time begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Brother Mike Robinson leads the music featuring old inspired hymns. Sunday evening is set for expository study on the Book of Revelation.

The church is located north of I-20 and east of Snyder Highway. For more information, call 263-4883 or 264-1565. The church is led by Jim Mills.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, located at 1200 W. Fourth St., invites you to attend preaching services at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and adult Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Rick Foster, chaplain at the state hospital, will preach at both services.

Calvary Baptist is dually aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The church's position is independent, premillennial and conservative. The preaching and teaching is biblical based. The singing is the traditional hymns of the church. The song leader is Dwayne Clawson and the pianist is Ruby Fowler.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church

Sunday morning service for North Birdwell United Methodist Church begins at 10:30 with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. The adult Sunday School topic will be "Empowered to Be a Community" from Acts 2:1-47 and will be led by Nita Taylor.

The Sunday morning message will be delivered by co-pastor Jacque Mauch and the Sunday evening service will be led by co-pastor Allen Welch.

Plans for the annual chicken spaghetti supper, to be held Oct. 18, are being finalized with Alton and Treva Fellows as our "Iron Chefs." Tickets are now ready to go on sale with adult tickets being \$5 and children \$3. There will also be a drawing for a door prize.

Angel Food orders will be taken Friday until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. Orders will also be taken at the Big Spring Mall Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

We thank Connie and Demetrio Alverado of La Posada Restaurant for be-

ing a collection site for donations to be taken to Presidio for the flood victims.

North Birdwell UMC is at 2702 N. Birdwell and we welcome all who wish to be in local mission work for the Lord.

For more information, call 267-2203. Leave a message if no one answers.

Chapel of Faith

Saturday is the day for the stew and cornbread

supper at Chapel of Faith. Serving will be from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come enjoy homemade stew, cornbread, sandwiches and desserts.

There is no charge for the meal. If you wish to contribute, there will be a place for donations. Any donations received will go into the fund to purchase the building. We look forward to seeing you Saturday. The church is located

on the corner of E. 14th and Goliad.

Sunday worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. each week with Pastor Joel Miller bringing the message. Each week, the message, based on scripture, provides both information and inspiration. Everyone is invited to this informal service and you are urged to come early and enjoy refreshments before the ser-

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The devout servant

Many desire to be described as being devout, but few wish to become servants. Most find it hard to believe that servanthood is a gift of grace, and few realize that humility is our greatest weapon in combating evil.



JERRIE STOCKS

I have been asked numerous times just how far one should go in serving another in need. My answer has always been as the Golden Rule states; "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." How far you go is your decision, dictated only by how far you would want someone to go for you, if the circumstances were reversed.

One of our greatest examples of true humility and devotion was Mother Theresa. She never for one small moment considered herself before others. She was often asked, "How do you do so much?" Her consistent reply was, "I do it one step at a time." None of us can feed the whole world, but most of us can do more than we think we can.

Jesus Christ was and is our ultimate example of

humility. Yet, those who ask the question "how far does one go?" are rarely willing to make the necessary adjustments in their own lives to follow the examples He set before them.

The most counteracting force against evil is not love, as one might believe, but humility. Those who serve others are not without the grace of humility and servanthood. The person who has passion toward his neighbor is a servant who lives a life of humility.

God's plan to redeem fallen man was a supreme act of love. His love is so pure and true that mankind cannot truly identify with it. But His love was clothed with humility and the very essences of grace and goodness in the person of Jesus.

I would hope that those who frown or grumble when presented with the opportunity of serving others also understand that it is the life that Jesus Christ chose. He was the epitome of servanthood and grace.

Titus 3:2 says to "speak evil of no one, be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men." Footnotes in the New King James Version mention that these virtues are graces of good conduct that becomes all Christians who live the higher life.

God bless.

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Of Hope*

23rd Annual **BIG SPRING HERALD**

Community Christmas Parade
5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6
Parade theme:
"Star Of Bethlehem"
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 14th

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

\$100 Herald's Best Of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme

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First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:

1. Individual or family	2. Civic group, school or church
3. Commercial	4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE**
2. Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
6. For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form

Name of organization: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____

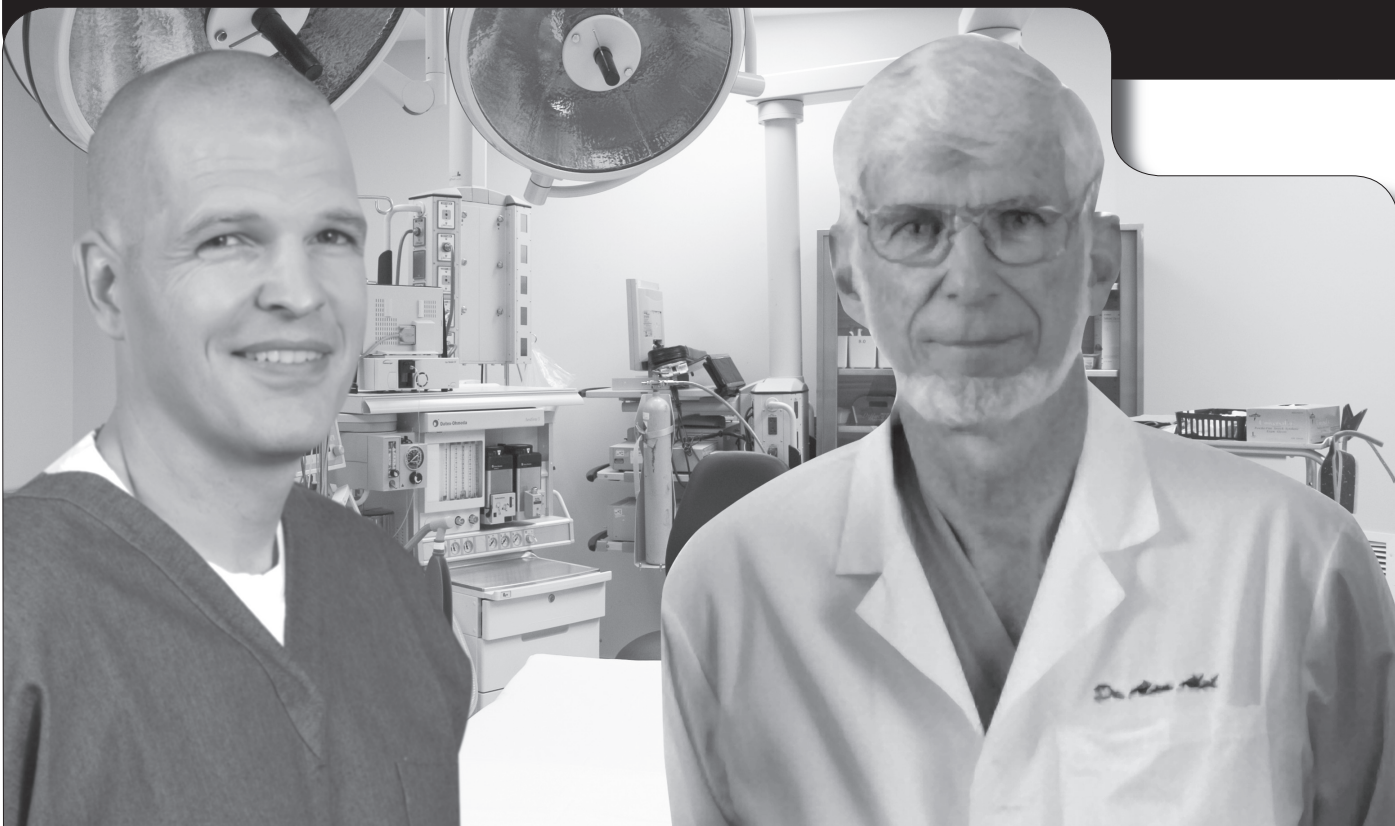
You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Mounted

Mail, fax or hand deliver to:
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Mars stealthily enters Scorpio today -- with gusto. Scorpio is a sign reputed for its awesome emotional willpower, stamina and drive, complementary to this planet of action. This ingress will demonstrate that precise and dramatic action is achieved by the perfect mating of feeling and action. Trust your gut instinct to power your next move.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've put in your time doing the appropriate thing, filling in all the blanks with the correct answers. Now it's time set aside reason and be deliciously impractical. Romance isn't practical and neither is fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Settle a dispute between you and you. It's important that you join your own team. If you're at war with yourself, you'll attract just the kind of conflict that will make you wish you'd stayed in bed this morning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whether you believe that life is too short or too long, either way you slice it, frivolous fun is a necessity. Get wild, get fabulous. Even if you go a little too far, you'll later appreciate your full commitment to life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The growing process is no picnic. Likewise with the healing process. Whatever uncomfortable feelings come up, you can take solace in the knowledge that you're improving yourself inside and out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you've been spending most of your social time with one person, there's a common language and humor developing. The level of sharing deepens with the challenges you face together now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can manage your own feelings, but it's nice when you don't have to. Besides, opening up to someone brings you closer.

Real Estate for Sale

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Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Variety Self Storage which is located at 511 North Benton, Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 2:00 P.M. on October 26, 2008, at 511 North Benton, Big Spring, TX. 79720. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily required. Seller reserves right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space. Viola Galindo Castenda, Unit #57, Clothes, TV. #5923 October 3 & 10, 2008

The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting to discuss the district's State Financial Accountability Rating on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Administration Building, 600 N. Main Street. #5930 October 3 & 5, 2008

er. Intimacy starts when you stop pretending everything's peachy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're trying to persuade others, and this is an important part of your mission. Sculpt your message with the end in mind, but not the part that will help you. Keep thinking of what the other person wants and what's in it for them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're dealing with the big egos and they all need love. The VIPs you know probably got that way because they needed more than an average amount of attention, affection and respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Being of service makes you happy. You're extremely amenable to the needs of others. In fact, anyone who wants something from you should ask now because tomorrow you'll be deliciously busy with your own stuff.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not interested in working hard for the sake of it. You want to know that you're making a difference, that you're helping the cause and that you are getting things done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel like you're acting on behalf of every other person of your race, gender, age or other delineating factor. You take the responsibility quite seriously, too, intent on doing your best to represent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The passions and perils of everyday life are vivid now. Big thoughts and big feelings need to be let out to be worked out. Tell someone, or tell your diary, but let it out.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: Gifts of love come your way in beautiful and strange shapes and packages. TAURUS: Your fascination and their magnetism draws you into the realm of someone new. GEMINI: Sitting on the fence between one person or another buys you more time and allows your

options in love to widen. **CANCER:** A newfound courage overcomes your shyness, emboldening you to risk your heart for the promise of love. **LEO:** Reunions are made sweeter because you're the one passing out your affections like candy. **VIRGO:** You unwaveringly choose a direction to take in love and head in it. **LIBRA:** You converse with people interested in knowing you better, though whether you share the secrets of your success is up to you. **SCORPIO:** You're in charge of your heart. Others sense this confidence and therefore basically find you irresistible. **SAGITTARIUS:** On the surface, you're an open book, although those closest to you soon realize you know more about them than they thought. **CAPRICORN:** Be leisurely ambitious. Relaxed among the company of friends, you accomplish more. **AQUARIUS:** A heartfelt offering is made and as a law of attraction inspires future actions in kind. **PISCES:** You're willing to travel to share your heart.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: When Pisces finds another Pisces it's as though they've finally found the calm in the eye of the storm. The fishes are vulnerable; the waters can be chaotic, dangerous even. Swimming toward their tendency for selfless devotion for a needy partner, or against the mixed-up values of the world itself can be exhausting without an ally. A Pisces coupling provides that safe haven for each other.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: For at least five years, my mother-in-law has been receiving nasty harassing telephone calls from my sister-in-law, "Cruella." These calls usually pertain to Cruella's distorted belief that Mom doesn't accept her as a worthy daughter-in-law.

Cruella misconstrues innocuous comments as criticisms. She refuses to see a counselor, believing that the problem isn't hers. She also becomes quite angry and threatening to anyone who suggests she needs help. During one of her emotional rants, Cruella actually wished that my mother-in-law would die. Cruella's husband briefly saw a counselor, but found the sessions to be ineffective. He deals with his domestic strife by getting drunk.

My mother-in-law is 89 years old, and these telephone calls upset her greatly, causing her to break into tears and sending her blood pressure skyrocketing. The rest of the family feel helpless to stop the harassment. I don't want Cruella to push my mother-in-law into an early grave. Is there any way to protect an elderly woman from being victimized by a vicious shrew? -- Desperate for Help

Dear Desperate: Cruella sounds mentally ill, and her husband is a coward for hiding behind a bottle instead of doing what's right for both his wife and his mother. Mom can talk to the police about the harassment and find out if a restraining order applies. She also can discuss the problem with

someone at the phone company to see whether Cruella's calls could be blocked or intercepted.

Dear Annie: I am a 16-year-old girl and have been dating the love of my life for over a year. Even before we started dating, we considered ourselves best friends.

About two months ago, we decided to lose our virginity and I have no regrets. My question is, how do I ask my mom to get me birth control? We only used a condom, and I want to be safer the next time.

I don't want my parents thinking I'm a skank or something, but I'd also prefer not to get birth control behind their backs. Please help. -- Needing Extra Protection

Dear Needing: Your parents may already have an inkling that you are having sex, and we agree it shouldn't be a secret from them. Find a quiet, private time to talk to your mother. Explain that you and your boyfriend are in a committed relationship and have already taken the next step. Tell her you want to be responsible, and ask her to make an appointment for you to see a gynecologist. However disappointed she may be, Mom will want you to be healthy and safe. We hope you will keep in mind that at 16, love doesn't always last as long as you assume it will. Sex can be emotionally binding, especially for girls, so please discuss all the repercussions with your mom. She can help you make the best choices.

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vice begins.
Remember: God is waiting for you to ask Him into your life. He is always there for you.

First United Methodist Church

As you are reading today's newspaper, things are super-busy at the corner of Fourth and Scurry as teams of workers ready-up for tomorrow's big event — our 4th Lord's Acre. Between now and

10:30 tomorrow morning a transformation takes place in the Partee building, kitchen and Garrett Hall areas of First Methodist Church.

For the kids and the young at heart there is the Fall Festival and Granny's Attic going on in the Partee Building. At that same time the doors to Garrett Hall and surrounding area open wide for Mission Delicious, our super bake sale. Once you've made your purchases there you can join the fun at the silent auction before dining on steak or chicken at the sumptuous lunch which

will be served beginning at 11:45.

Following lunch the auctioneer and crew get rolling with the live auction which is the heart and soul of our Lord's Acre event.

Everyone is invited to participate in all or part of the activities. It's a wonderful day and an equally wonderful way to do the Lord's work; please join us.

Sunday, our senior pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will bring both services of worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. with a sermon, "Celebration."

Sunday school classes for all ages are growing, moving into larger quarters and organizing new classes in order to better serve all age groups. It's an exciting time at First Methodist where families grow in Christ.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane with Sunday services at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. Children's church is during Sunday morning worship for ages 3-12. A nursery is provided. For a ride, call 264-9924 or 267-7157. Midweek services are Wednesday at 7 p.m.

This Sunday for both services, "Forever His Ministry" with Phillip and Dianne Crow will join us. They are an evangelist team who preach and sing the gospel. Plan now to attend these services with us and enjoy the Fellowship and receive a blessing. This special singing and worship will be at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunday afternoon from 2-3 p.m. we will line Birdwell Lane east of the church between 15th and 17th streets for the National Life Chain. This is a peaceful, prayerful, pro-

One thing never changes

They're gone — completely gone! My husband's high-school class of Pied Pipers has disappeared from the hallways of Hamlin High School. I suppose it's a little farfetched to believe that 54 ex-students all bolted out of the picture frame and followed the legendary Piper of Hamlin Town out of town and into the river. More than likely, the class of '62 simply moved down the hallway and rotated off the wall one year at a time to be archived in a basement or some dark closet.



BONNIE WHEAT

With the rotation comes the realization that time has passed and an era has come to an end. There are only a few butch-waxed flattops left in the pictures

that line the hallway and the big hair dos that required hours of backcombing and tons of hair spray to maintain have just about disappeared. Most of the cat-eyed glasses have been replaced by contact lenses or less imposing styles of frames. Football heroes, cheerleaders, musicians and scholars have faded from the spotlight and been relegated to a storage room. Their accomplishments have been forgotten as a younger generation of high-school students strives to gain recognition for their achievements.

In a world where change is inevitable, one thing remains the same: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8 NASB)

What an encouragement to know that we can rely on our Lord regardless of age or position. God loves those who have rotated off the wall and those are still in the limelight equally.

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church Christian Initiation of Adults

Non-Catholics who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith are encouraged to attend these informative and lively sessions. Catholics are invited, too. We also assist Catholic adults in need of Holy Eucharist, Confirmation or Marriage who wish to be in full communion with the church.

We meet at 10:30 a.m. following mass Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the building between the church and the school. For more information call Elsie Tucker at 816-6247 or Richard Light at 466-9703.

Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

Worship service with Holy Communion is at

9:00 a.m.

Sunday school and adult Bible classes are at 10:15 a.m.

This Sunday is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday in all LCMS churches. Our local women will serve as ushers this Sunday. Saturday, there will be the area LWML fall meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Midland. Six of our ladies plan to attend this important meeting. It is so good to share ideas and successes with our fellow Lutheran sisters in this West Texas zone.

Our guest pastor Sunday will be retired pastor Rev. Bob Bryce of Abilene. He will serve Holy Communion and will teach our adult Sunday school class.

Our blessings continue to pour in. This week we received three church pews from St. Paul Lutheran Church and we thank them very much. One of our talented members made two flower stands which was added to the altar.

This week's big event is a very large garage sale at Kentucky Way and Colgate Street (across from the football stadium) in the very large carpport-storage building. The garage sale is overflowing and the hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Ike and Ouida Watznauer deserve

special thanks for all their hard work as well as Richard and Jeanie Knocke for the use of their wonderful facilities. Thanks are deserved by all the heavy lifters and organizers to get this garage sale together.

Plans are for an executive board meeting next Monday night with voters meeting Oct. 13. We have received our approved constitution from the Texas District of the Missouri Synod and will soon be sending for our church transfers. Both these meetings will be at our church.

We thank the Lord for all these many blessings and pray that many of you will join us as we celebrate and share

God's love and grace in our lives at Alive in Christ, 2805 Lynn Drive.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

Following worship last Sunday, the congregation met to elect three members to an Officer Nominating Committee. Those elected were Sue Carter, Betty Earl and Jerry Grimes. They will join Pat Fleming and Ethel Guthrie, chosen from the Session, to nominate persons to serve as elders for the class of 2011, to be presented for a vote from the congregation at a later date.

Bible study is at 5:17 p.m., youth group from 6-8 p.m. and choir practice at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Communion servers for October are Rip and Claudie Patterson and Paschal and Lucy Odom. Ushers are Jim Bill and Nancy Little and John and Cindy Grant. Those responsible for refreshments at "Take Ten" fellowship time are Deborah Jones (Oct. 5), Ethel Guthrie (Oct. 12), Nancy Hale (Oct. 19), and Karen Schaedel (Oct. 26).

Monika Robinson, aided by her son Wolfie, has been working on our church Web site. Go to www.bp-cbs.org to see the interesting information and photos about us.

The Session elected Helen Glass as commissioner to the Oct. 16 meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery in San Angelo.

In conjunction with the presbytery meeting, Tres Rios Presbytery is sponsoring "New Wind/New Fire," an evangelism workshop Oct. 16-17 at First Presbyterian Church, San Angelo. You may obtain registration forms in the church office or register at the event.

Sunday, Oct. 12, the Service Committee will be offering "Brown Bag Grocery" bags for members to fill and return as a part of our efforts to alleviate hunger in our community.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"No, I don't believe that Ruff opened the fridge by himself."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Not that one, Mommy. Last time I wore it I flunked my math test."

HAGAR

WHAT'S THIS?!

IT'S AN ITALIAN DESSERT I JUST INVENTED...

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I DON'T LIKE TO WASTE LEFT-OVERS

BC

UM... JOHN, I THINK YOU'RE TAKING THIS 'CUSTOM' THING A BIT TOO SERIOUSLY.

BLONDIE

I LOVE TO WATCH THE LEAVES CHANGE COLOR!

I JUST WISH THEY'D STAY UP THERE!

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I CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE RUGGEDLY HANDSOME

YOU'D BE PERFECT FOR TESS

SHE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

HI AND LOIS

THIS ROOM COULD REALLY USE SOME PAINT.

NOT THIS WEEKEND I'VE GOT A GOLF GAME.

THE OTHER COAST

WAIT THERE, SAKURA. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HOURS!

SNUFFY SMITH

SNUFFY, AIN'T COSGROVE K. SMIF YORE CUZZIN'?

THAT STUCK-UP, SMARTY PANTS BAG O'WIND...

BEEBLE BAILEY

IS IT TRUE THAT WAR IS A YOUNG MAN'S GAME?

YES, OLD MEN COULDN'T GO THROUGH ALL THIS

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Oct. 3, the 277th day of 2008. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

On this date: In 1226, St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order, died; he was canonized in 1228.

In 1929, the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formally changed its name to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again."

In 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

In 1952, Britain conducted its first atomic test as it detonated a 25-kiloton device in the Monte Bello Islands off Australia.

In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra

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1 Ides of March words

5 Perch, for one

9 Madison or Monroe

14 In fighting trim

15 ___-tiller

16 High-class

17 César Chávez, e.g.

20 Prima donna

21 Sly one

22 Cockpit datum: Abbr.

23 Thick-brick connector

25 ___ Plains, IL

26 Chophouse order

35 Sweetie

36 Author Beattie

37 Clued in

38 Fills with love

41 Authorize

43 November birthstone

44 Socialize with

45 Bard's nightfall

46 Creative leeway

51 Hoo-ha

52 Second Amendment grp.

53 Amaze

56 Heidi author

58 Workplace watchdog

61 Doctor's business

65 Obsession

66 Prom-night rental

67 Cut and paste

68 Where the blissful walk

DOWN

1 Popular hardwood

2 Prepared to drive

3 Prepare to fly

4 Early computer

5 Monk's title

6 Charged atoms

7 Stunt double, e.g.

8 High-school class

9 Quick pull

10 Boxing legend

11 Shiny mineral

12 Bibliography abbr.

13 Conveyed

18 Muscat holder

19 "Calm down!"

24 Like some doors

26 Letter before iota

27 Pay tribute to

28 Ill-suited

29 Young-___

30 Watched Junior

31 Prefix for light

32 Gone from the table

33 Van Gogh city

34 Nancy Drew byline

39 ___ tai

40 Small wts.

41 Charged swimmer

42 Opposite of ja

44 Fall sign

47 Fiesta morsel

48 Pastoral poems

49 Barrie beast

50 Time for an egg roll

53 Bullets, e.g.

54 Withdraw (from)

55 Hairspray mom

56 Lasting impression

57 Role for Shirley

59 Hair partner

60 Etcher's need

62 Sundial numeral

63 NASA assent

64 Sci-fi characters

Answer to previous puzzle

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► Club News

The Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club members began their new club year enjoying a delicious breakfast in the home of Patricia Barr Sept. 11. The meeting was also hosted by Marie Ethridge and Natha Mitchell. Thirteen members were present.

Joyce Choate, newly elected president of the Mary Jane Club, called the meeting to order. Everyone answered roll call by telling about their summer activities. Carolyn Brooks read the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasury report was presented by Donna Pettit.

New program booklets were distributed to the members by Carolyn Brooks and the schedule for the new year was reviewed by all.

Diane Wood, vice-president of the club, will host the next meeting at her home on Thursday.

The program is titled "Out of Africa."

Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring/Howard County Retired Teachers Association met at Howard College on Sept. 15. Fifty-two attended.

Special guests were Isaac Castro, Hamlin, and Joe Heflin, Crosbyton. Mr. Castro is challenging Mr. Heflin for his position as state representative for District 85.

Mr. Castro spoke about his education, background and values about District 85 and what he feels he can contribute. Mr. Heflin discussed his experience and what he would like to see accomplished in the 2009 Texas Legislature.

Both gentlemen responded to questions from the group; both would like to see the TAKS eliminated; both are in favor of an increase to 6.58 percent in the state's

contribution to the Teacher Retirement System and a cost of living increase for retired school personnel.

The next meeting is Oct. 20. Guest speaker will be Eddy Spurgin of the Natural Resource Conservation Service. It is not too late for retired school personnel to join the local RTA group. We are proactive regarding legislative matters that will affect retirees. It is largely due to efforts of the RTA that retired education employees received a 13th check in 2008. One of our goals for 2009 is to obtain a cost of living adjustment for 2009. Any person is welcome and invited to attend our interesting, informative meetings.

Big Spring Art Association

Make plans to attend the Big Spring Art Association's upcoming Studio Tour.

With the weather cooling

down and the Christmas shopping season coming up, it should be ideal timing for this exciting event.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items will be displayed at exhibits to be held by multiple private and commercial studios as well the Big Spring Mall and Howard County College.

Available for viewing and purchase will be a fabulous collection of artwork in a variety of mediums and styles. There is certain to be something for everyone on your list. Brochures with a map and information on the participants and sponsors will be available throughout the city soon.

We would like to thank all of the businesses in Big Spring and surrounding cities who have purchased advertising and offer any remaining space to anyone else wishing to contribute to the pamphlets.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to acquaint yourselves with the local talent and businesses! For

information regarding the event or joining the Big Spring Art Association, contact club president, Ruby Bruns at 664-1943.

Submit Church News and Club News to the Herald by noon each Wednesday.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding Quiz

You have the following hand, neither side vulnerable:

♠ K92 ♥ 6 ♦ KJ854 ♣ AQ73

1. Your partner opens the bidding with One Club, and you respond One Diamond. Partner rebids Three Clubs. What would you bid now?

2. You open the bidding with One Diamond, and partner responds Two Notrump. When you next bid Three Clubs, partner bids Three Notrump. What would you bid now?

3. Your left-hand opponent opens One Heart, your partner overcalls with One Spade, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Hearts. What would you bid?

4. Your partner opens the bidding with Three Hearts, and the next player passes. What would you bid?

1. Four notrump. A grand slam is likely if partner has three aces, and the best way of finding out about this is by using Blackwood. There is little risk attached to the Blackwood bid, since partner is sure to have two or three aces for his jump-bid. If he responds five hearts, showing only two aces, you will bid six clubs.

2. Pass. Your hand may not be ideal for notrump, but there is nowhere else you can go at this point. You have warned partner against notrump by bidding three clubs, and you have to accept his

judgment that a nine-trick game in notrump has a better chance of succeeding than an 11-trick game in a minor.

Partner will not be surprised by your singleton heart, as your three-club bid warned him of this possibility.

3. Four spades. You can't bid less if you have any respect for partner's overcalls. Of course, you'd like to have another spade for the jump-raise, but despite this, you must still bid game. You shouldn't worry too much about your trump support, because the one-spade overcall virtually guaranteed at least a strong five-card suit.

No good purpose can be served by mentioning either diamonds or clubs. This could easily complicate the issue and lead to the wrong contract. A three-spade bid would also be improper because this would merely invite — but not force — partner to bid again.

4. Pass. While your hand is worth an opening bid and would therefore be strong enough to insist on game opposite an opening one-bid, here partner has a hand of less than opening strength; otherwise, he would not have pre-empted. Your lack of heart support also does not help your cause. The probability is that partner will make three hearts or go down one.

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CHURCH

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Bible Study will meet Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. in the parlor for a study of "Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor" by D. Lindsay Morgan.

This Sunday, which is designated as World Communion Sunday and Clergy Appreciation Day, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship.

The lectionary for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46. "O Praise the Lord" by A. Gumpelzheimer and "Open My Eyes" by K. Lee Scott are the anthems to be sung by the choir. Rev. Bronaugh's sermon, based on Exodus 20:20, is titled "One Step."

First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 a.m. Sunday to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

Last Wednesday, the life of Wendell Shive, lifelong member and clerk of the session, was celebrated at a memorial service held at First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring. Following the memorial, First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, with assistance from the entire Coahoma community, served about 150 people at lunch.

The Session met at 5:57 p.m. in the Social Hall of the church on Thursday, October 2.

The lectionary for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time is Exodus 120:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

St. Paul Lutheran Church invites all to Sunday services at 9 a.m. at 810 Scurry. We are led in worship by Pastor Wayne Frost. This Sunday we will be celebrating Holy Communion. Adult, youth and children's Sunday school classes follow at 10:15.

Small group Bible studies discussing Timothy, Psalms, Philippians and "Seduction of Extremes" meet during the week. Anyone interested in being involved may contact

the church office at 264-7163 for times and places.

The pot luck dinner after church last Sunday was a great success with lots of food and fellowship. The last Sunday of the month has been designated for these dinners, so consider joining us.

Some of the LWML members will be attending the Zone Rally in Midland Saturday. This organization does much good work in the home church and in the mission field.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Operation On Going Support box

sent out in September. For the October box we are collecting instant hot drink mixes in individual packages, fruit roll-ups, vitamin C chewable or drops, and donations for the AT&T phone card fund that al-

lows our troops to call home. Anyone who wants to contribute can bring the items by the church office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or when you join us for church.



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